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[REDACTED] report describing military installations (barracks, hospitals, storage depots, air raid shelters, etc.) in the city of Olomouc, Czechoslovakia. The report is accompanied by a map showing the locations of the various installations.

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Military

Military installations at OLOMOUC

For numbers, see map

- 1) Military Area H.Q., a complex of buildings finished in 1938, on Dr. E. Benes Square, opposite the Regional Administration of the Ministry of the Interior and the STB. Trida Marsala Stalina passes through the square and leads to the station. The actual HQ for the OLOMOUC and GOTTWALDOV areas is in a three-storeyed building, and is subordinate to the Ministry of National Defence. There are three HQs for tactical units in Moravia, at OLOMOUC, BRNO and OSTRAVA, and GOTTWALDOV and part of the JIHLAVA region are distributed under them. All branches of the services, including the air-force, are subordinate to them, and these Military Area HQs are not identical with or connected with the Regional Military Administration. The military training area at LIBAVA is also subordinate to the OLOMOUC HQ. The HQ building contains a telephone exchange, through which pass all calls from unit to unit. The C.O. of the HQ is a "two-star" general.
- 2) Garrison HQ and Supply Corps offices, in fairly old three-storeyed buildings near (1), on the North-east corner of the square, with ulice Husova on the West side, ulice Slamova on the East and the Orthodox Church at the North end; the supply service in this complex is probably for the garrison only. At full strength, the OLOMOUC military area reaches the number of 60,000, including officers, NCOs and men.
- 3) Anti-aircraft and Signals units, in the old Terezianska pevnustka (formerly cavalry barracks) on Nova ulice on the West side of OLOMOUC hospital. The installation has been largely rebuilt, with quarters and a new kitchen converted from the old stables (a). The HQ (b) is housed in a one-storeyed building by the original fortress. In the Eastern part is a

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transmitting station, with various aerials on the roof (c).

The number of officers is comparatively large, and they wear AA or Signals badges; the men number about 200, armed with machine carbines. No AA guns have been seen at this Barracks.

4) AA unit and officers' training school for AA Arty, in a fairly old Barracks complex in the centre of the town opposite the Tank Barracks. The East side is bounded by the river Morava, the South by ulice Komenskeho, the North-east by ulice Dobrovskeho, and the remaining side by trida Vaclava III. The unit has 30 85 mm AA guns, and a considerable number of vehicles, mostly V 3 S, both visible from the street, as they are ranged in the middle of the yard.

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The AA Arty officers' training school has about 200 trainees; the CO is a Colonel and there is a Soviet advisor with the rank of Major. The trainees took an active part in the fighting in Hungary in October and November, 1956.

5) Tank unit, in fairly old Barracks opposite (4) on Klasterohradistaska ulice, with namesti Biskupa Gorazda and ulice Pasterrova on the South side; to the North there is a stadium and fields. The unit has 30 S - 2 tanks, and other vehicles. The CO is a Colonel. The unit has engaged in the fighting in Hungary in October and November 1956. To the North, on the street, there is an inn formerly belonging to ARMA n.p., frequented by both army personnel and civilians.

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6) Tank unit, armed with SD 105 self-propelled guns, 6 of which have been observed; the exact number is not known. The unit is billeted in fairly old Barracks in the South-east part of OLOMOUC - NOVY SVET, opposite the main supply stores on Holicka ulice, and the South side is bounded by ulice Josefa Nalevky and the OLOMOUC - BRNO railway line. The unit H.Q. is in a U-shaped building; the CO is a Major.

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This unit also took part in the fighting in Hungary.

7) Air force garrison, OLOMOUC, stationed at OLOMOUC NEREDIN airfield, north-west of OLOMOUC, also a former fortress. South of the installation is Trida miru, continuing as the PRAGUE - LITOVEL road, and to the East ulice Na sibeniku. In December 1956, the air force garrison was transferred to PREROV - BOCHOR airfield, and the Barracks largely evacuated, and since that time, the air craft repair workshops have not been used. A unit of 150 to 200 men remained to prepare the airfield for handing over to the OLOMOUC SVAZARM. The purpose for which the Barracks in the former fortress are in future to be used is not known.

8) Engineers' unit, in the Eastern part of OLOMOUC, South of trida Marsala Stalina, in an installation with the River Morava on the West side, ulice Zeyerova and Krizikova to the North-east, and the stream called Bystrica to the North-west. The unit numbers about 300, and the CO is a Colonel. There is practice in building folding and pontoon bridges on the Morava, etc, and the unit has a large amount of equipment; most of the vehicles are V 3 S.

9) Garrison HQ and Barracks for a unit of the Interior Guard, extending along the West side of ulice Boziho tela as far as namesti Republiky.

10) Interior Guard unit, in a former monastery, used as a supply office, and for other purposes since the war; it is a large square three-storeyed building on Stefanikova ulice near the Natural History Museum, with Musejni ulice on the West side, ulice Pekarni on the East, and ulice Kozeluzska on the North side.

11) Dum armady (Army House), East of (10), and on the East side of ulice Pekarni, with ulice Hlcochova on the East side.

12) Military Hospital, installed in a former monastery after 1945, in the Northern part of the town on Susilovo namesti.

Storage installations

13) Military supply stores a nearly old military installation

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in OLOMOUC - POVEL, the South-west of the town, on the South side of Polska ulice, with ulice Jihoslovanska on the East side; the installation consists of a group of wooden huts, most of them built before the war; a railway track leads to it and is constantly in use to transport all kinds of material; fuel is probably stored here, as there is always a large number of metal barrels in the storage area. Trucks entering the area are covered, so it is not possible to ascertain what kind of material they contain. The depot is guarded by Works Militia, with dogs.

14) QM stores, in a former group of mill buildings on the West side of the OLOMOUC Fats Industry, South of the East end of Polska ulice; the depot is enclosed on all sides by the river Morava, and consists of two five-storeyed buildings and a number of masonry and wooden ground-floor buildings, a railway track leads into it. Two wooden observation towers have been built in the area, which is guarded by both military personnel and Works militia; the depot supplies foodstuffs for the LIBAVA military training area.

15) Supply depot and military equipment, OLOMOUC - NOVY SVET, opposite (6) and extending from Holicka ulice about 650 m. alongside the OLOMOUC - BRNO railway line; it consists of a large number of ground-floor wooden buildings containing stores and workshops for OLOMOUC Garrison HQ, including tailors', cobblers' harness-makers', carpenters' and motor repair workshops; wood, iron and leather etc. and spare parts are stored at the depot, and vehicles involved in crashes are brought here.

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Atomic shelters etc.

- 16) New shelter, finished in 1956, on nova ulice, at the South-west corner of the hospital, ferro-concrete, with an earth rampart; it is probably for the use of the hospital.
- 17) Atomic shelters constructed from the original shelters in Michalske sady East of the Capucin monastery; the original shelters were built in 1942-45; the work of modification and reinforcement went on from 1950 to 1956.
- 18) Ferro-concrete bunker, built in 1956 on the corner at the Havlickova-Pavelcakova/Hlynska-Fierlingrova crossroads; the bunker is about 4 x 3 m. and 2 m. high, the South-east side built into the old citadel; it has loopholes and is probably intended to defend the approach to Masarykovo namesti from Havlickova-Pavelcakova trida. The Hlynsky potok (stream) has been canalised here as far as the point where it enters the Bystricka.
- 19) Former Barracks, now used for civilian storage purposes, on the North side of the Dominican church and girls' school.
- 20) Regional administration of the Ministry of the Interior - Regional StB HQ, in the former police station, and Gestapo building, on the North side of namesti Dr. E. Benes, a three-storeyed L-shaped building.
- 21) District Security Department, on the West side of the Faculty of Medicine, on Gottwaldova trida, a fairly old square three-storeyed building.

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